AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, after the title and before the first paragraph of the specification, please insert the following new headings on two new separate lines:

BACKGROUND

1. Technical Field

Please insert the following new heading on page 1, line 6:

2. Related Art

Please insert the following new heading on page 3, before line 1:

BRIEF SUMMARY

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

The connection device of the present ~~invention~~ exemplary embodiment reduces the space requirement for and amount of telecommunications plant in the form of housings, boxes and the like visible to the customer within his premises. This has the result of reducing the risk of damage to trailing cables and housing boxes protruding from the wall. It also reduces cost through reduced plant, and has the important benefit of streamlining the appearance of the Network Termination Point in the interior of the customer's premises, which is of particular significance in a residential setting.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

Another very important advantage of the embodiments of the new connection device ~~of the present invention~~ is that they are future-proof. The embodiments described below all take into account the prospect that the copper wire in today's network termination points will be one day replaced by optical fibre, where (i) the cable entering the customer's premises will be fibre; and/or (ii) the cable of the connector plug will be fibre.

Please insert the following new heading on page 3, line 31:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

~~Figure 1~~ Figures 1A and 1B ~~depicts~~ depict the front and back views respectively of a network termination unit box NTE 5 of the prior ~~art~~ art.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 3A is a view of an embodiment of the connection device according to the ~~invention~~ invention.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 3B is a view of the connection device according to the invention further showing how it may be used with a connector ~~plug~~ plug.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

~~Figure 4 is an~~ Figures 4A and 4B are exploded ~~view~~ views of the connection device in its installed ~~state~~ state.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 5 depicts the layout of a network in the customer's premises including ADSL ~~microfilters~~ microfilters.

Please insert the following new heading on page 4, line 14:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EXEMPLARY EMBODIMENTS

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 15 with the following amended paragraph:

~~Figure 1 shows front~~ Figure 1A shows a front (3) view and Figure 1B shows a back (9) ~~views~~ view of the prior art network termination equipment NTE 5 (3). This is the UK industry standard terminating box to which a connecting plug is plugged to connect the piece of

customer equipment such as a telephone, to the external network. The box in this case has dimensions of 86mm (L) x 86mm (W) x 36mm (D). The socket (5) of the NTE 5 is positioned so that any connector plug (with its attached cable) plugged in would protrude even further from the wall upon which the NTE 5 is mounted. This unit is used in a copper wire network termination installation.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 13 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 3A shows a first embodiment of the present invention. Like the prior art device described above in connection with Figure 2, the device of the invention comprises a hollow tube (10) which is fixed inside the access bore of the premises walls in use so that the mouth of the plug is substantially flush with the mouth of the access hole. The telecommunications cable (11) - which could be copper wire or optical fibre - travels though the bore via this hollow tube. However this device according to this embodiment of the invention further includes a socket (12) (such as a line jack connector outlet, similar to the socket housed in network termination box NTE 5 described in Figure 1). This socket is located at the end of the tube proximate to the mouth of the bore.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 22 with the following amended paragraph:

A further advantage of the second embodiment of the invention is gained when used in conjunction with a larger enclosure or housing positioned proximate to or within the fabric of the external wall. This would allow ~~access can to~~ access to be gained, with suitable tools designed

specifically for the ~~purpose, of~~ purpose for disengaging connector plugs such the RJ-11 or RJ-45, to the electronics/cable termination module (22) for the purpose of removing the electronics module for either testing and/or replacement or to allow the copper cable to be upgraded to optical fibre.

Before the listing of the claims, at the top of page 12 of the specification, please delete the word "CLAIMS" and insert therefore --WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:--